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SPECIAL SESSION

Transportation for All: Achieving an Inclusive and Equitable System

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Dr. Ipek Sener is a Research Scientist at the Texas A&M Transportation Institute (TTI). Her research focus lies at the intersection of social, behavioral, and data sciences and brings together the elements of mobility, safety, equity, health, and technology. She has a particular interest in understanding individuals' activity-travel behaviors, the changing nature of transportation choices, and the related impact on and/or connection to transportation and sustainable mobility. Ipek serves in the Graduate Committee Faculty of Texas A&M University and is a Faculty Affiliate at the Texas A&M Center for Population Health and Aging. She serves on the board of directors of International Professional Association for Transport and Health (IPATH) as well as the Feonix - Mobility Rising, a non-profit organization focusing on mobility as a service for vulnerable and underserved populations. She is also on the editorial board of the Transportation Research Board (TRB)'s Journal of TRR, and a member of TRB committees, including 'Travel Behavior and Values' and 'Effects of Information and Communication Technologies on Travel Choices', and 'Public Health and Transportation'. She received her doctorate degree in Transportation Engineering from The University of Texas at Austin (2010), two MS degrees in Civil Engineering (2005) and in Architecture (2004), and a BS degree in Civil Engineering (2002) from the Middle East Technical University in Ankara, Turkey.

Judy L. Shanley, PhD

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Judy Shanley, Ph.D. is the Assistant Vice President, Education and Youth Transition at the national office of Easterseals in Chicago, IL and serves as Easterseals Director of the FTA-funded National Center for Mobility Management (NCMM). She manages Federal projects, conducts research, and provides technical assistance regarding transportation coordination and mobility management. Shanley convenes diverse audiences and provides professional development to align mobility solutions with the needs of all riders. Shanley is currently the Secretary of the APTA Access Committee and the Co-Chair of the TRB Access Committee, International Conference Planning Committee, TRANSED 2022. Prior to Easterseals, Dr. Shanley worked at the U.S. Department of Education, where she wrote federal grants and monitored programs to ensure compliance with Federal regulations. Prior to Federal service, Shanley was a Principal Research Analyst at the Americans Institutes for Research for 9

years. She earned her PhD in Special Education from the University of Florida and an M.B.A. and a Master's in Rehabilitation Counseling, both from Syracuse University.

Dawn Sweet

Director, Headquarters Operations Office, Office of Civil Rights
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Dawn Sweet joined the Federal Transit Administration in 2009 and serves as the Director of Headquarters Operations in the Office of Civil Rights. The office works to ensure that FTA recipients—primarily public transit agencies—comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act, Title VI of the Civil Rights Act, and the Disadvantaged Business Enterprise program through a variety of oversight activity, such as compliance reviews and complaint investigations, and by providing training and technical assistance. Prior to becoming Director, she was the office's Program Manager for Complaints and Communications. Dawn spent five years in DOT's Office of the Secretary working on civil rights policy and oversight issues before heading to FTA.

Ana Ramirez Huerta, PhD

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Ana Ramirez has a master's degree in Civil Engineering and a PhD degree in Public Policy from the University of Texas at Austin in addition to a master's degree in Urban and Regional Planning from the London School of Economics. She has over 15 years' experience working with local governments and communities in planning and bike/pedestrian mobility. Ana also oversees the MPO project portfolio, which includes Transit, Safety, Commute Solutions, Tow & Go and Vanpool among other projects. She joined TxDOT in 2013 in the Advanced Transportation Planning Section.

Patricia Lynn Scholl, PhD

Senior Transport Specialist
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Lynn Scholl is a Senior Transport Specialist at the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) in Washington DC where she leads research on sustainable and inclusive transport in Latin American cities. She has conducted research on the use of machine learning and video analytics to evaluate traffic calming treatments on vulnerable road users and impacts of public transit systems on access to jobs for the poor. She is currently leading several studies surrounding the effects of shared mobility services on public transit ridership, motorization, and social inclusion, and best practices in promoting social inclusion and poverty reduction through sustainable transport. Lynn holds a PhD degree in Public Policy from the Goldman School of Public Policy at the University of California at Berkeley and a bachelor's degree in Environmental Sciences also from UC Berkeley. Prior to joining the IDB she worked as a transportation researcher at the UC Berkeley's Transportation Center, and Institute for Research on Labor and Employment, the Public Policy Institute of California, and in the Lawrence Berkeley Laboratory's International Energy Group.